

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **U. S. West  
Communication's** Request for Approval of  
Certified Actual Costs Associated with the  
**Minnesota State Patrol** 911 Emergency  
Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: October 4, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P421/ES-99-1294**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911  
SYSTEM COSTS

**BACKGROUND**

In 1998, a 911 agreement was completed between U.S. West Communications (U.S. West) and the State of Minnesota to provide enhanced 911 to the State Patrol. U.S. West has agreed to provide both Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Line Identification (ALI) to the State Patrol Public Safety Offices at Rochester, Mankato, Marshall, Duluth, Virginia, Thief River Falls, Detroit Lakes, Brainerd, St. Cloud, and Roseville. U.S. West also agreed to integrate wireless 911 service with their enhanced 911 service and make the information available to appropriate Public Service Answering Points (PSAPs) in adjacent counties..

**CURRENT FILING**

On February 1, 1998, U.S. West installed equipment to upgrade the 911 Emergency Services system at each Minnesota State Patrol District Offices with Enhanced 911 Service. This upgrade allows the transfer of wireless 911 calls from various District State Patrol Offices to the appropriate PSAPs in nearby counties or cities.

At Duluth, U.S. West installed circuits from a Lucent 5E 911 Selective Router to transfer 911 wireless calls from the State Patrol District Communication Offices in Duluth and Virginia to PSAPs located in Carlton, Cook and St. Louis Counties.

In Fargo, U.S. West installed circuits from a Lucent 5E 911 Selective Router to transfer 911 wireless calls from State Patrol District Communication Offices at Brainerd, Detroit Lakes, and Thief Rivers to PSAPs located in Clay, Crow Wing and Polk Counties.

In Minneapolis, U.S. West installed circuits from a Lucent 911 Selective Router to transfer wireless calls from State Patrol District Communication Offices at Roseville and St. Cloud to

PSAPs located in Benton, Chisago, Goodhue, Isanti, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Rice, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright Counties.

In Rochester, U.S. West installed circuits from a Lucent 911 Router to transfer wireless calls from State Patrol District Communication Offices at Mankato, Marshall, and Rochester to PSAPs located in Dodge, Freeborn, Goodhue, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Waseca, and Winona counties.

To provide enhanced 911 service, with a portion of ANI, to each of the State Patrol District Communication Offices, U. S West has installed central office equipment (non recurring costs) for 911 transport (Network Access channels with voice grade, and transport circuits to a Shoreview database) along with(monthly recurring) costs for trunk terminations, 2 and 4 wire network access channels, voice grade 33 and 36, and transport mileage to the selective router and information database located in Shoreview.

On June 21, 1999, U.S. West certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of enhanced 911 service with ANI to the various District State Patrol Offices in Minnesota.

U. S. West Communications is now requesting Commission approval of the actual cost for circuits and enhancements for ANI service. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

U. S West Communications has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service to the Minnesota State Patrol.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service for the Minnesota State Patrol, which have been certified by the Company, are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

**ORDER**

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for the Minnesota State Patrol 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P421/ES-99-1294.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Notary Public